



# THE VISITOR



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The Church's 141st Year

August 12, 2009 through August 19, 2009

## Out of the Whirlwind



Those of you who were not in worship on Aug. 9 missed a bit of “drama.” On one hand you missed what people said was a most memorable sermon on Ephesians 6, the Armor of God. On the other hand you missed what will probably be the only time the congregation rises to say in unison, “Yes Sir, Sergeant Sir,” to everything I had to say. As you can imagine, I enjoyed that part of it! More to the point, Myra Mobley, who requested the sermon, seemed to like it!

The second of our Summer Lottery Sermons was claimed by Ed Williams. After some reflection and giving me an option, his choice was for the Aug. 16 sermon was “a review of the 10 Commandments.” That’s a big job but I will bring a bottle of Gatorade and a Power Bar – I don’t want to run out of energy before I finish.

Remember, I will draw names for two more sermons. I will draw one name on Aug. 16 and another on Aug. 23. You have to be present to claim (and choose) your sermon or we keep drawing until we draw someone who is in worship. Only two more chances to win this summer! Do you feel lucky?

On Aug. 16, the Cabinet will meet to formulate plans for the fall. If you have ideas for programs or other activities or needs we should address, please send me or the appropriate Cabinet member an e-mail (or give us a call) so we can discuss all the

possible ideas. Our goal is to have a provocative, joyful, spirit filled fall. With your help we can succeed!

We had a very good Vintage service this past Sunday (Aug 9). And no, I did not preach the Armor of God sermon! I want to lift up Russell Robertson and Mark Graham for the wonderful music they bring. Personally I think that attendance at the Vintage is so good because of the excellent music we always provide. And I want to lift up Jim Lehman who brought and served communion for the residents. Our Elders take great care with this responsibility! All that being said, we could always use a few folks to come chat with the residents and to help us with the hymns. You, perhaps? We do the Vintage service on the second Sunday of each month – so the next one will be Sept. 13 at 3:00 p.m. See you there?

One big program that I want to tell you about: the Denton Area Pastors (The Denton Faith Alliance) are getting together to push a big project. In Denton there are over 2,000 “at risk” students in our schools. Our project is to recruit from our churches mentors for each of those students. When I say “mentor” I don’t mean “tutor.” I mean a person who will meet regularly with the student to support, encourage and nurture them. All meetings happen at school, usually during regular school hours but sometimes at evening school programs. This program has the full support of the D.I.S.D. and will be facilitated by “Communities in Schools of North Texas” which has been doing this for years – I have worked with them in Irving. Mentors will need to undergo a background check (for obvious reasons!) and attend an orientation. We have multiple orientation meets scheduled and a partial list of times/places will be in the brochure that we will distribute. Can YOU make a difference in the life of a child? YES YOU CAN! And this is a great way to do so! More information later!

See you in worship on Sunday!

**Pastor John**

## Fall Kick Off – Sunday, Aug. 23

Just like your favorite football teams, we will be kicking off a new season this month. Wear your jerseys and come for a great Sunday full of excitement, worship and fun.

- 9:00 – 9:30 Gather in the Fellowship Hall for donuts, juice and an old fashioned sing-a-long. We will also introduce our wonderful Sunday School teachers for the new year.
- 9:30 – 10:30 Sunday School Hour
- 10:50 – 12:00 Worship (let's see how John manages to work football into his sermon!)
- 12:00 noon Back to the Fellowship Hall for Football Food! Burgers, Dogs and Nachos Games, Prizes and Fun for All

## Annual Men's Retreat At Lake Brownwood Camp

This year's retreat is set for Sept. 18-20. With a theme of "Remembering Our Past, Shaping Our Future," two of our CCSW region's preachers will be keynote speakers. These are:

**Rev. Dr. Jimmy Cobb**, is the current moderator for the Christian Church in the Southwest Region. He most recently completed an Interim Ministry as Senior Minister at Central Christian Church in San Antonio. Jimmy is a dedicated pastor and church leader. He has served on the CCSW Committee on Ministry and chair of the BBA/LRGVD Committee on Ministry. Most remember Jimmy as the Senior Minister at FCC, San Marcos, from 1983-2003.

**Rev. Olin Fregia**, Campus Pastor of Jarvis Christian College, a position he has held since August of 2004. Prior to coming to Jarvis, Olin served as youth pastor and director of Munger Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas. In Dallas, Olin concentrated on bringing church to un-churched youth in the "short-North Dallas" neighborhoods through bible-based, culturally-driven programs that include gender specific mentoring, youth retreats and contemporary media projects.

This 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.

For those men interested in Golf, there will be a Tournament beginning at noon on Friday before the retreat begins. Contact Roy Horne at: [rhorne@valenceoperating.com](mailto:rhorne@valenceoperating.com) to sign up.

Registration forms and other information can be found on a Disciples Men link from the [www.CCSW.org](http://www.CCSW.org) web page. Don't forget to register by August 31st or late fees will apply. Also, send in your registrations together to request staying in the same dorm rooms with your group.

## General Assembly Videos and Information

Are you curious about what exactly speakers may have said or exactly what resolutions voters passed or rejected at the Indianapolis General Assembly? Well, all this information can be found at the Christian Church in the Southwest Regional web site. Go to: [www.ccsw.org](http://www.ccsw.org). Once there, click on "2009 General Assembly" which will take you to a page full of reports you can select to see and links to "General Assembly Video Also Carried on This Site!" Curiosity may have killed the cat but it makes stronger and more informed Disciples!

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**Used Book Fair**

Aug. 17—Aug. 21

9 a.m.—12 p.m. and 1 p.m.— 4 p.m.

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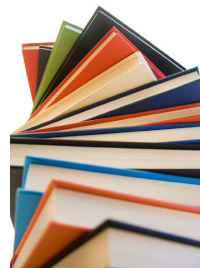
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## Youth Ministry Council

Youth Ministry Council is in charge of the planning, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the program and ministry for youth of all ages at our church. It is an opportunity for youth and adults to form lasting friendships, explore Biblical teachings, enjoy social events, and grow spiritually. I would like to invite anyone who is interested in being on the Youth Ministry Council Committee to attend a meeting this Sunday, Aug. 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please call 940-597-3226 to RSVP. Thank you.

Myra Mobley

## Stewardship & Attendance

August 9, 2009

### Stewardship General Fund

Receipts to General Fund \$ 1,939.06

### Other Giving

Music Fund \$100.00

Outreach \$75.00

Pastor's Bike Ride \$518.00

Wednesday Night Live \$25.00

### Attendance

Sunday School 27          Worship 94          Nursery 3

## Serving Schedule

August 16, 2009

**Worship Leader:** Russell Robertson

**Table Elders:** (Bread) Judd Holt, (Cup) Jim Lehman

**Diaconate Serving:** Marianne & Eric Burns, Dixie Smalley  
Janis Tully      **Alt. Server:** Myra Mobley

**Prepare:** Connie Watson

**Clean Up:** Myra Mobley, Glenna Tompkins, Dixie Smalley

**Greeters:** Linda & George Morrow, Joanne Arrington,  
Sidney Graham, L.L. LaRue, Dave Lewis

**Driver:** Charlie Johnson (387-8037)

## Health Concerns & Prayer Requests

Irene Bennett, John Creigh, Bernice Croix,  
Preston Dawson, Annalee Duncan, Norma Harrison,  
A.D. and Jean Hartline, Belva Hennen, Earl Jenkins,  
Chuck Jordan, Oran Nabors, Connie Pack, Carol Tiemeyer,  
Bob Warren, Winnie White, Gina Gohlke Wicker

† Norma Harrison as she continues chemotherapy treatment.

† Robert Mobley, Sr. suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in Tyler.

† Judd Holt has not been feeling well. He will undergo tests and procedures this week.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Outreach Apple Tree Project. Twenty children in the DISD received clothing to begin the school year thanks to our support.

Marianne and Eric Burns

P.S. We still need members who are interested in serving on the Outreach Committee. Please contact us at 206-5617 if interested!

## Notes from the Music Minister

CHOIR REHEARSALS resume Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 7:00 p.m.. That's next week! Come for dinner at 6:00 and stay for choir. Aug. 23 is our "kick off" Sunday for the new season.

I'm looking forward to working hard with the choirs on some familiar favorites as well as lots of exciting new music. We're going to have our best year yet. In addition to the Sanctuary Choir and C Unit, I'm looking forward to hearing from the Handbell Choir and (hopefully) a new Children's Choir as well.

I'm happy to report that I have been invited to participate in a piano festival and competition in Warsaw, Poland, from Sept. 6 – 15. This competition is organized by the Chopin Society, so I'm particularly pleased about my involvement, and am hopeful that it goes well. Like so many pianists, I have a special place in my heart for the music of Chopin, and it will be an honor to play his music in his native land, in front of an esteemed jury from the Chopin Music University. Of course, everything hinges on my tendonitis. If it becomes a problem, I will consider cancelling the trip. But so far, the right arm is giving me no trouble.

I'm excited about all the good music we have coming up in worship.

I'll see you there.

**Mark**

## Youth News from Emily

The summer is almost over?! What a crazy thing. The kids are starting to have summer band and two-a-days, meaning...school is just around the corner. For the next few weeks, the youth are going to be busy ending the summer with a bang. This Sunday, we will go to Northway Christian Church for an area-wide Kickball tournament! We have some serious athletes in the youth, so let's hope that our youth don't beat the other teams too bad! This is available to Chi-Rho and CYF, meaning 6th-12th grade. We will need sponsors to supply water, food and transportation. If you would like to help out, please call Emily at 903.316.2084. Anything is appreciated!

**Emily**

## Ultimate Football Fan Search!

We are looking for the Ultimate Football Fan. If you are full of football knowledge and trivia, we want **you!** Please submit your name to either Dixie or Charlotte by Aug. 19.

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### Nursery Attendant

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### Custodian

Richard Meyer

## Welcome Visitors

Elaura Drenner, Debra Serk, Alex Jett  
Charlie & Margie Davis  
Phil & Sonya Williams  
Louise Henry & Family

## August Birthdays

Andrew Storey, Kate Youden - 1st  
Thomas Venables, Ginger Williams - 3rd  
Carmen Sittel - 5th, Virginia Williams - 6th  
Mary Goss - 8th  
Daniel McClung - 11th  
Josie Baker, Gene Gohlke - 13th  
Deanna Deal, Kim Place, David Storey - 14th  
Richard Anson - 21st  
George Morrow - 24th  
Laurie McLaren - 29th, Richard Freeman - 31st

## Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, August 12

9:00 AM DMTA Meeting  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live  
7:00 PM Elders Meeting

### Thursday, August 13

9:30 AM CIM Science Group

### Sunday, August 16

9:30 AM Church at Study\*  
10:50 AM Worship\*  
12:00 PM Youth Groups at Northway  
12:15 PM Youth Ministry Council  
4:00 PM Cabinet Meeting

### Monday, August 17

6:30 PM Scout Meeting (FH)  
7:00 PM Pastoral Relations at  
Burton Home

### Wednesday, August 19

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Movie Night

*\*Childcare available*