



# EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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From Our Senior Minister

*'Tis the season for Gifts!*

It is just a part of our life rhythm that our hearts and minds turn to gift-giving and gift-receiving as we prepare for our annual observance of the greatest gift ever given to us at Christmas.

The Christian movement, from its very beginnings, is rooted in the practice of gift-giving and gift-receiving; it's intrinsic within our DNA!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but receive eternal life." (John 3:16)

During this particular time of year, the Body of Christ—the Church—heartily gets into the act.

Last week, our Thanks-for-Giving Consecration Sunday was a wonderful witness for the way our membership values our spiritual home at East Dallas Christian Church.

While we are still in the process of receiving pledges, the generosity of the gifts made to date is quite moving, and East Dallas Christian Church is a grateful receiver.

In addition, we also continue to give above and beyond to organizations like the Angel Tree and Mike's Kids.

**STILL, THE PRACTICE OF GIVING IS NOT JUST DESIGNATED TO ONE TIME OF THE YEAR. THE PRACTICE OF GIVING IS A LIFE-STYLE—A WAY OF BEING IN THE WORLD.**

East Dallas Christian Church has had, in its long and storied history, a multitude of benefactors who understood the joy of giving to and through the Body of Christ. Theo Beasley, Charles Story, Arthur Everts, Buddy Minyard all come to mind—and you may know of more names.

During my tenure here, we have received several estates which have helped undergird Christ's continuing mission and ministry at EDCC.

We shared with you several years ago about the Fay and Al Grosse estate which was designated to support our initial programs of the Long Range Plan, including the calling of our Minister for Church Life and the start-up funds needed for a contemporary worship service. Because of that gift, we now have Rev. Nathan Hill serving us and The Table service is in full swing.

Recently, the church was the recipient of the Mildred Wyatt/Ivor Wold estate. Mildred, as many of you know, was a long-time member of the church. Both EDCC and Mildred celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays together now 7 years ago. After Mildred's death, Ivor continued to support the church and our ministry even though he couldn't get out very much. (However, I remember him coming to "Sing We Now of Christmas" two years ago, and how much he enjoyed the program).

The Wyatt/Wold estate is generous, initially valued at a little over 4 million dollars.

In preparation for the receipt of this gift—

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**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 5TH @ EDCC**

**Rev. Micah James  
preaching  
8:30 am - Chapel  
9:30 am - The Table  
10:50 am - Sanctuary**

**SCRIPTURE  
MATTHEW 3:1-12**

**SERMON  
"HAPPY ADVENT"**

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and perhaps others in the future—the Executive Committee and Official Board devised a process by which all undesignated gifts and estates would be handled by the church.

Tom Grounds, our President of the Congregation, shared with the congregation about the process this past summer, but let me remind us how such estates are to be handled.

A portion of every gift/estate will be set aside for mission outside the congregation—up to a tithe (10%)

A portion of every gift/estate will be set aside for deferred facility/property maintenance.

A portion of every gift/estate will be designated for the continuation and expediting of our Long Range Plan

A portion of every gift/estate will be added to our Permanent Funds of the East Dallas Christian Church Foundation.

The Official Board and other committees are in the process of determining exactly what amounts to affix to the above formula for the Wyatt/Wold estate. We will be coming to the congregation sometime in January with that report.

But as for now, we are truly humbled by the great gifts the

“saints” of this church had for the future of the church.

They wanted to show their appreciation for the ministry that had meant so much to them during their life-time that they gave for future men and women—all Children of God—who might find their way to our doors.

We are here today because of the generosity and future-visioning of people like Mildred Wyatt and Ivor Wold.

So this Christmas, I invite all of us at East Dallas Christian Church to be grateful to all the saints who gave gifts for the future that we are now living in the present—

And I would invite all of us to prayerfully think about how we might continue the practice—“Pay it Forward” for the next generation.

“As much for others as for ourselves!” That’s the motto that has guided EDCC from the beginning.

Preparing for Advent with a grateful heart!

*Rev. Deborah*

### Mike’s Kids and Disciples Men’s News

The **Mike’s Kids Ministry** continues through Sunday, December 12th. Collection boxes are placed in the hallways of the church. Much needed items include:

- ◆ New or gently used clothes and shoes , small sizes for adults
- ◆ New undergarments
- ◆ New or gently used clothes and toys
- ◆ Bicycles
- ◆ Kitchen utensils
- ◆ Canned goods, rice and beans

If you have questions, please call Bob Counts at 972-814-4282 (cell) or 972-475-1599.



**Disciples Men’s Meeting**  
**Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 AM**  
**In the Disciples Room**

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Micah James who will enlighten us on the Children’s Ministry for 2011. Make plans to attend!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY

**EDCC Youth Christmas Party**  
**Sunday, December 12th, 2010**  
**CYF — Chi-Rho — JYF**



**We will celebrate the season with  
an All Youth Christmas party.**  
*Parents are welcome to join us!*

Party Schedule:

- 12:15-1:45pm - Lunch & Movie (Great Hall)
- 2:00-3:00pm - Caroling & Stocking Delivery  
(Juliette Fowler Homes)

**PLEASE RSVP TO REV. MICAH BY DEC. 10, 2010**

## FELLOWSHIP CLASS

November 28, 2010

On this first Sunday in Advent, Kenneth Melvin, accompanied by Carol Hooten, led the class in singing "There's A Song In The Air." Maudie Huffman gave the sunshine report, Wes and Ann Sanders' 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and they were serenaded by the class. There are several to be remembered in your prayers: John Kilpatrick back in the hospital; Sam Holmes in the hospital; Mark Sullivan, brother of the Hooten's daughter-in-law; and Wes Sanders' step brother. Thanks, Maudie, for a great job filling in for the sunshine report. Welcome back to our visitor, Marie Byrkit. Following the prayer hymn, "Take Time To Be Holy," Bob Counts gave the prayer thank God for gift of life and our many blessings. Prez Mary Jean Miles made the announcements: Advent Workshop & Luncheon Sunday,

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>; Service of Remembrance Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>; Church Christmas Dinner Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>; Christmas Brunch Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>; Sing We Now of Christmas Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>; Christmas Eve Services Friday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and 11:00; and last but not least, Fellowship Party Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bob McKelvy taught the lesson from Psalm 139, "God Is All-knowing." Bob pointed out that this is the last of the series on Psalms, and he feels this is the best. There is a difference in learning about God and knowing God. Remember there are no secrets from God. He knows our every thought. We cannot earn our salvation; this is a gift from God. Bob said that the story of the prodigal son reminded him of God the father, always ready to forgive. We must ask for forgiveness. God loves us; God is there.

*Helen Hillbush*

## SANDERS CLASS

November 28, 2010

*"Let us be thankful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls bloom."* Two of our gardeners were Robbie Brawner and Carolyn Frenzel who provided the warm and welcoming music service. Another gardener, Lucille Cannon, gave an inspiring prayer that encouraged us to talk with God in our own prayers daily. In celebration of the Garretts' 40 years of marriage, we snacked on Ruth Shaw's favorite - blueberry cake donuts (probably not organic, but delicious).

Mildred Gilbert gave us updates on the class members who have had recent challenges. Sam Holmes fell at his home and is waiting for the results of an MRI at Baylor hospital. Margaret Parker has been improving at home with the excellent care given by her children, Dean & Patty. Pat Rauschelbach continues his therapy and enjoys visitors. Linda Kirk has noticed improvement and continues her rehab at Zale Lipshy. Mary Lou Brown is going through tests at Doctors Hospital.

Jimmy Hayes continues to show his strength of body and spirit after his treatments.

The Sanders Class has adopted a family of 5 from the "Angel Family." Our goal is to make Christmas meaningful, especially for the 2 girls and 2 boys. This is definitely what Christmas is all about.

Our head gardener today was Jim Frenzel. In his lesson from Psalm 139, he described the conflict for David, and even for Martin Luther, regarding the idea that God knows everything about us. David's words, "Search me O God, and know my heart...see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting," gave us the idea that David had to deal with his imperfections. Martin Luther was conflicted with the idea that he hated the leaders of his church for misusing their power, and God would know of this hate which was against God's rules.

God's message is to return evil with love. We should see God as a good parent who knows everything that we're doing and wants to be there for us when we need Him.

*Judy Garrett*

## REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE & MILITARY THIS ADVENT

The Christmas holiday offers us a great opportunity to give a little extra something to our young adults attending colleges and universities at home and around the country, as well as our young men and women serving our nation at home and around the world.

This year, at our Advent Workshop on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a table set up to fill care packages for our college and military young men and women. We need people to help stuff, wrap, and address the care packages.

You can help give to these men and women in several ways:

- 1) Bring snack items, stamps, pens and pencils, gift cards, etc.—anything you think college students or our military folk would like or need for Christmas—to fill care packages for them.
- 2) Bring empty shoe boxes we can use as care packages.
- 3) If you have a current address for our EDCC college students, we'd love to have it in the church office. Please call Peggy for update.
- 4) If you have a current address for the following men and women serving our nation, please call Peggy in the church office:

**Boone Mooty** (Army), **Doug Rauschelbach** (Marines), **Chad & Craig Valle** (Army), **Tom Kolencik** (USAF), **Daniel Webster** (Marines), **Jeff Dunn** (service unknown), **John Michael Calhoun** (USAF), **Jim McCarthy** (West Point Academy), **Robert Magiary** (Navy), **Birttany Brasher** (Navy), **Sean Rockwell** (service unknown), **Jason Griffin** (Navy), **Christopher Greene** (Navy), **Michael Caruth**, (service unknown), **Holly Ross Killman** (Army).

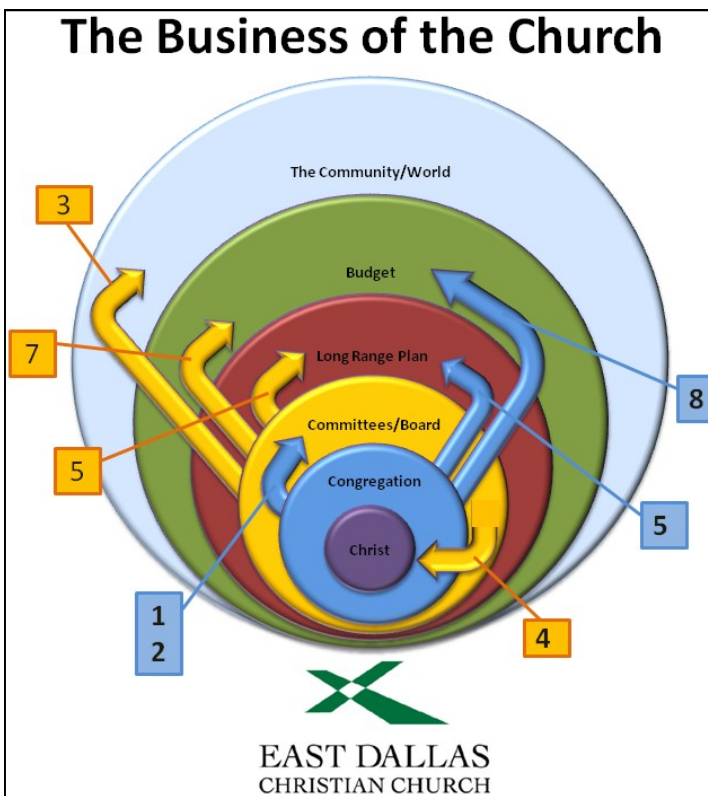
Our Tuesday morning Elders pray for these young adults every week. This care package will be a reminder that the whole congregation holds those who are not able to be with us on a regular basis in our thoughts and prayers.

## THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

*“East Dallas Christian Church exists to provide urban Dallas a point of unity between individuals, Christ, and the community. The common foundation to all our ministries is a commitment to serve the unique location in which God has placed us and bless the unique souls God brings to us in Christ’s love.”*

This is the mission statement that we defined for East Dallas Christian Church back in 2007 as we were laying the groundwork for our initial Long Range Plan. This statement is then followed by statements around ‘Acceptance and Individuality’, ‘Our Unique Community’, ‘Fulfilling Worship, Service and Fellowship’, and the ‘Pioneering Spirits’ in which we do the work of the church.

I was humbled when you nominated me as the President of the Congregation last year and have done my best to ensure that we conduct the Business of the Church following these guidelines. I was reminded again this past weekend why I’m involved in the business of the church as I heard the preliminary results of our Stewardship Sunday event and the support that our members continue to provide financially to ensure we as a church live out our mission. All of this got me thinking that for many of you the running of our church may not be as clear as it is to the committees and board who ensure we continue moving forward with our vision – which is why I’m writing this article. The Congregation is the center of all we do as a church in the way you provide oversight and are involved in our ‘Business’. Below is a diagram that I hope helps you understand how all of the different parts work together to all live up to our guiding principles that I listed above.



1. Every year throughout the year the Congregation nominates individuals from the congregation who they feel have the proper leadership abilities, desire and passion to lead one of our many committees. These nominations are important as the Chair of the committee holds a seat on the Board and is accountable to the Board and Congregation for their committee activities each month. Many times it begins with suggesting that an individual get involved as a committee member to ensure that they are able to take on the responsibility of leading their committee in the future. The Nominating Committee then speaks with each individual and creates a slate of Chairpersons, Officers, Elders and Deacons to be presented to the congregation for approval.

2. Each December the nominees are presented to the Congregation and at that Congregational meeting, the nominees are then voted into office for the next calendar year.

3. Throughout the year, each committee is responsible for executing on the long range plan activities that have been established within the budget that has been established.

4. Each Month the committee chairs attend the monthly Board meeting to celebrate their progress that previous month, discuss the activities planned for the next month, review their budget status and ask for assistance from other departments in carrying out their plans. All of these activities are captured in the monthly board minutes which are posted by the church office and in the member section of the edcc.org site for the congregation to review.

5. Throughout the year the congregation provides their visions, ideas and other items that they would like to see considered in the future of the long range plan. Additionally, the April and October board meetings are ‘Long Range Plan’ working sessions where the committees bring forward their vision, thoughts and dreams of activities they would like to have added to the Long Range plan. These are combined and consolidated with all of the other sources to be presented to the congregation for approval.

6. In the June and December Congregational meetings the changes to the Long Range Plan are presented so that the Congregation can approve. The result of this approval continues to serve as the guiding ‘plan’ for the committees of the church

7. In October each committee reviews the Long Range Plan and determines the financial support required in their budget to execute the activities for the next year. This budget is consolidated prior to our Stewardship Sunday so that we know what funding we need to achieve to carry out our plans for the next year. Once we know the amount that has been pledged, and if the amount is less than the departments requested, then the finance committee goes back to the committees to request adjustments to the budget so that we enter the New Year with a balanced budget.

8. In the December meeting, along with the voting in of the new Officers and Committee Chairs, the congregation also approves of the budget that is presented – keeping in mind the activities that the budget is set to support.

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We are coming to our December meeting where you will be asked to vote in the new Officers, Chairpersons, Elders, Deacons and the 2011 Budget. I felt it was important to remind you of how the 'Circle of Business' works within our congregation and how important that these meetings are in the direction of our Church. At that meeting we will also be providing to the congregation our **2010 Annual Report**. This report will provide you with the details of our Long Range Plan accomplishments (which you can also find on our website), our budget performance (how well we stayed in our budget for 2010), and a report from each committee with the highlights of their accomplishments for the year and their top goals for next year. I hope that it will continue to provide you with visibility into the exciting accomplishments we have achieved this past year.

Yours in Christ's service,

**Tom Grounds**

***Service of Remembrance***  
**Tuesday, December 7th, 7:00 PM, Chapel**  
*Matt Woodbury, Baritone & Harpist*

Every year, EDCC offers a special service for those who find the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas to be an especially challenging time. Whether we grieve the loss of a loved one through death or divorce, or the loss of job and/or health, for some of us this is a time far removed from being "merry."

The Service of Remembrance will be held in the Chapel on Tuesday evening, December 7, at 7 pm. It will include scriptures that both share our pain and offer words of comfort to us. There will be special music and a time to light the candles of hope.

Please feel welcome to attend this service and invite friends and family members that you feel might also need to experience God's comforting peace.

**Rev Deborah**

***IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN FOR THE WHITE ROCK MARATHON—PLEASE BE PREPARED  
WHEN COMING TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2010!!***

**The streets affected by the marathon are listed below. Please read and plan your routes accordingly.**

**7:00am - 9:00am**

S. Haskell Ave heading northwest to Swiss Ave - Swiss Ave southwest to Texas Street - Texas Street northwest to Bryan St - Bryan St. southwest to Boll St - Boll St. northwest to N. Central Expy. access road.

**8:00am - 10:00am**

N. Central Expy. access road north to Ross Avenue - Ross Ave southwest to Leonard St. - Leonard St. northwest to Flora St. - Flora St. southwest to Pearl St. - N Pearl St northwest to McKinney - McKinney Ave north to Hall St. - N Hall St northwest to Turtle Creek Blvd - N Turtle Creek Blvd to N. Fitzhugh Ave - north on Lakeside Dr. through the Town of Highland Park to Beverly Dr. - Beverly Dr east to Abbot Ave - Abbott Ave north to Cornell Ave—Cornell Ave. east to Airline - Airline to the southbound I-75 Access Road.

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

McCommas Blvd bridge over I-75 - northbound I-75 Access Road Longview St. - Longview St to Greenville Ave—Greenville Ave to Ellsworth Ave - Ellsworth Ave to Frontier Ln - Frontier Ln to Bob O Link Dr. - Bob O Link Dr. to Williamson Road - Williamson Rd to W Lawther Dr - W Lawther Dr to Mockingbird Ln - West Mockingbird Ln access road across the Mockingbird Lane bridge west bound traffic side to E Lawther Dr.- E Lawther Dr. to Garland Rd to Winsted Dr - Winsted Dr to White Rock Rd - White Rock Rd to W Lawther Dr - W Lawther Dr to Tokalon Dr- Tokalon Dr to Lakeshore Dr - Lakeshore Dr to Winsted Dr - Winsted Dr to Lakewood Blvd - Lakewood Blvd Lakeshore D—Lakeshore Dr Cambria Blvd - Cambria Blvd to Lakewood Blvd. In addition - Greenville Ave to McCommas Blvd—McCommas Blvd to Matilda St southbound lanes of Matilda St to Ross Ave - Ross Ave to Greenville Ave - Greenville Ave. to where Greenville Ave turns into N. Munger Blvd - N. Munger Blvd to Live Oak Street to N. Haskell Ave - N. Haskell Ave to Parry Ave

**10:00am - 3:00pm**

Lakewood to Abrams Rd - Belmont Ave to Cecille St - Cecille St to Richmond Ave. - Richmond Ave to Empire Dr—Empire Dr. to La Vista Dr - La Vista Dr to Swiss Ave - Swiss Ave to N Haskell Ave - Haskell Ave to Parry Ave

**For more information about the marathon, please go to [www.RunTheRock.com](http://www.RunTheRock.com).**

## — OPPORTUNITIES @ EAST DALLAS —

### Regular at EDCC

- ◆ **ELM Classes** - Monday thru Thursday (9 a.m.)
- ◆ **Elder's Prayer Breakfast** Tuesdays (7 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Praise Team Practice** - Tuesdays (6 p.m., Alexander's Stage)
- ◆ **Bible Study** - Wednesdays (10 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Staff Meeting** - Mondays, 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. (Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Financial Peace University (FPU) Classes** - Wednesdays (6 p.m., Great Hall)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8:30 a.m.      **Worship and Communion, Chapel**  
 9:30 a.m.      **Table Worship Service, Alexander's Stage**  
 10:10 a.m.     Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:50 a.m.     **Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**  
 12:15 p.m.     Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                    **Advent Workshop, Luncheon, Great Hall**  
                    Church Life Committee Meeting, Disciples Room  
 7:00 p.m.      Master Plan Finance Meets, Great Hall

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 9:00 a.m.      ELM Classes

### Tuesday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m.      ELM Classes  
 10:30 a.m.     Disciples Women Project, Great Hall  
 7:00 p.m.      Service of Remembrance, Chapel

### Wednesday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m.      ELM Classes  
 6:00 p.m.      All-Church Christmas Dinner & Program, Great Hall  
                    *Reservations Please!*

### Thursday, December 9

- 11:00 a.m.     ELM Christmas Luncheon, Great Hall

### Saturday, December 11

- 11:30-1:00 p.m. Disciples Women Christmas Party, M.J. Miles hosting

### Sunday, December 12

- 8:30 a.m.      **Worship and Communion, Chapel**  
 9:30 a.m.      **Table Worship Service, Community Room**  
 10:10 a.m.     Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:50 a.m.     **Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**  
 Noon            **Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary**  
 12:15 p.m.     Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                    **Adult Education Com. Meets, Parlor**



### ELDERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

- ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆
- Presiding:      Ron Somers-Clark  
 Cup:             Joe Stalcup  
 Loaf:             Nancy Stalcup  
 Chapel & Table: **Mike Voigt**  
 Chapel Prep.: Milton Thomas  
 Fowler:          Daniel Wells  
 Preparation:   Rachel Morris & Tara Glasener

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Alberto Martinez | 3rd |
| Richard Dooley   | 4th |
| Theresa Carson   | 5th |
| Jimmie Everts    | 5th |
| Les Findley      | 5th |

### DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

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| Greg Blackburn | 5th |
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### WELCOME VISITORS (NOVEMBER 28, 2010)

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- Rina Arguello  
 Marie Byrkit  
 Elaine Copeland  
 Dorothy Lawrence  
 Buck Peace

### ALTAR FLOWERS AVAILABLE

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### *Church Christmas Dinner & Program*

**Wednesday, December 8th, 6:00 PM, Great Hall**

*Entertainment by Linda & Larry Petty*

**Dinner: Adults \$10 Children (12 & under) \$5**

**Cost & Reservations Required**

### *Christmas Brunch & Open House*

**Saturday, December 11th, 11:00 AM—1:30 PM**

**At the home of Mary Jean Miles**

*Fundraiser for Disciples Women*

**Free babysitting at the church for children 10 and under.**

**Babysitting Reservations a MUST by December 9th!**



## Labels for the Education Program!!

Since this is the time when everybody's preparing their delicious dishes.... **please** remember our Labels for Education program! Please place your labels in the collection boxes located in the Minyard Hallway and the West Entrance of the church. A listing of products is available at each collection box.

## EDCC JOYS & CONCERNS

Each Tuesday from 7-9 a.m., a group of EDCC elders gathers for prayer.  
From wherever you may be during this time period, the elders  
invite you to join them in prayer, using this prayer list or your own.

### JOYS

#### Celebrating and giving thanks for:

- All the world's youth, represented by Bethany Vasquez
- Our young adults away at college or in town, including Kevin Greene
- Our newest member, Ruby Perez. Welcome, Ruby!
- First Sunday of advent. Thanks to all the volunteers for "Hanging the Greens."
- Saturday morning in preparation for Advent and Christmas.
- Andrew Krimm's viola recital Sunday afternoon.
- "Gifts of Advent" devotional booklet from the Worship Dept.

### CONCERNS

#### Pray for those in our Church Family:

- Margaret Parker
- Malinda Kocks and son Jared Kocks
- David Hamer
- Linda Kirk
- John Kilpatrick
- Gloria Sneider
- Sam Holmes
- Emily Hanson
- Karen Hill
- Mary Lou Brown
- Betty Counts

#### Pray for those Outside our Congregation:

- Special prayers for the Angel Tree for our community
- Melinda Lundy
- Larry Kelly
- Cooper Dorr, son of Rev. Ben Dorr
- Jerry Hill, Jules Martinez' father
- Dan Asbill
- Marcella Hill, Rev. Nathan's mother

- Family of Mark Sullivan, brother of Hooten's daughter-in-law
- June Taylor, Lisa Taylor's mother-in-law
- Van Strahan, Lisa Taylor's father
- Family of Lou Ann Ligons
- Chuck Holmes
- Germoria Walton
- Ivan and Ellie Celis
- Jasmine Duarte

#### Pray for Ongoing Concerns in our Congregation, including:

- Billie Ruth Welsh

#### Pray for Ongoing Concerns Outside Our Congregation, including:

- Rexie McKnight

#### Pray for those Serving in the Military, especially:

- Jim McCarthy

#### Pray for our Limited Activity Members, including:

- Audrey Gundy

#### Pray for our Ministries, including:

- Advent Workshop

#### Pray for our Committees and Departments at work, including:

- Outreach Department

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

### WELCOME TO THE EDCC FAMILY!



The church family continues to grow with the addition of **Ruby Perez** into membership, coming to us by Reaffirmation of her faith. Ruby was baptized as an infant in a Catholic church in her home country of

Mexico, but has not attended church in a long time. She is the wife of Eric Perez and mother of Eric, Jr. We are glad to welcome her officially as a member of the extended family of Christ!

*"Sing We Now of Christmas"*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 6:30 PM**

*Come hear the joyful sounds of Christmas in the beautiful sanctuary of EDCC.*

**The Chancel Choir and Children's Choir will present a variety of seasonal favorites. Expect to hear the handbells, organ and a special treat of two pianos.**

*A gingerbread/hot cider reception follows.*

**No reservation required.**



Church Newsletter

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 A.M. - Chapel

9:30 A.M. - Alexander's Stage

10:50 A.M. - Sanctuary

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 A.M.



A Congregation of the Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ) of the U.S. and Canada



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**Keith Critcher**  
Minister of Music and Worship

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**Rev. Patricia Maples**  
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**Damaso Luna**  
Security

## HOW TO BE AN ANGEL TO A FAMILY

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN THEIR FAMILIES.  
THERE ARE **FOUR** FAMILIES REMAINING TO BE CHOSEN.

Choose an "Angel Family" or you share an "Angel Family." Write your name on the back of the angel and place it back on the tree.



On the table look for the folder with the family name and number you have chosen. There is an information sheet in the folder. Take one to have with you when you are shopping. (There are extra copies of the info sheet if you are sharing a family).

In the past everyone has been so very generous in their shopping for families. We ask that you please be consistent in the number of gifts you give to each person. We certainly do not want a brother to feel left out because his little sister received more. This is extremely important should you divide up a family and have different individuals shopping for one specific member of that family.

You do not need to buy everything listed. There are specific needs on most requests. Some families did not list toys; however, a toy, book, game, (age appropriate) etc. would be most appreciated along with the specific need. Some parents did not include themselves; gift cards would be appreciated and most useful and needed.

Bring your gifts wrapped no later than Sunday, December 12. Each wrapped gift must be tagged with the family number and first name of the individual. If a child has the same name as a parent, please indicate the child.

Please just remember to be consistent in the number of gifts given to each family member. If you have any questions, please call Janie Autz in the church office or Kelley Wells (214 738 8006).