



EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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From Our Church Life Minister

We begin our New Year often in the same way - making resolutions, looking to the future, and welcoming a second chance to do the things we've always wanted to do.

Saturday's horrific tragedy in Arizona reminds me, that each day, week, month, and year, the question of what we make of our lives goes beyond just ourselves. Can our choices, values, and passions make this world a safer place? Are we given a chance each day to influence some action that might bring darkness or light into our culture?

Sometimes, I wish I could answer that no.

Despite my status as a "clergy", there are lots of things in life that overwhelm me or leave me without answers. There are times when I wish I could be off-duty. There are many times I want to just blend into the crowd and imagine that my actions have little effect on the people around me.

Since my wife and I have welcomed two children into the world, I've begun to understand that someone is always watching. My words, my actions, and my attitude are being observed and even copied. I set an example - I open and shut doors with how I approach life each and every day. This has challenged me to be more reflective and sensitive to who I am and how I want others, especially my kids, to see me.

If there is one thing, then, that I want my children to learn from me, I hope they discover that life is a blessing and they each have a calling, given from God, to be that light for someone else.

I pray that they find their calling - the thing that they alone have the gifts, resources, and talents to do to make this world a better place.

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- ◆ Elders Training Program
- ◆ Save the Date for ELM
- ◆ Disciples Women Study Group

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 16TH @ EDCC

Rev. Deborah Morgan
preaching

8:30 am - Chapel
9:30 am - The Table
10:50 am - Sanctuary

SCRIPTURE
ISAIAH 55:1-5

SERMON
"CHRIST HAS CALLED
US...TO BE A
SPIRITUAL OASIS"

GAME NIGHT

January 28, 2011 7:00 PM

Great Hall @ EDCC

*A community night of your favorite board & card games,
popcorn, and fun with church members, neighbors, and friends*

Sponsored by the Church Growth & Church Life committees

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So that one day, senseless violence will be no more, our communities will be places of safety and care for the least among us, even those with deep psychological struggles, and all people will have mentors and friends who love and welcome them.

This is the image of the **Table** - a spiritual oasis - a community of broken people that yearn for a better world - a gathering of

followers of Jesus, one who lived and taught and died that the world might taste abundant life.

In this New Year, answer that question with me - *what's your calling?* May we respond to the call and usher in that better world, together.

From tabledallas.org

Rev. Nathan J. Hill

DISCIPLES WOMEN STUDY GROUP



DISCIPLES WOMEN Study Group

1:30 pm Tuesday, January 18 in the Parlor

Jackie Andrews, Study Leader

Also, at the meeting will be a planning session for our March 15 program in the Great Hall.

YOUTH NEWS



On a normal Sunday, I walk through the Children's wing and say hello to the teachers and kids before they start their activities. This past Sunday, I stopped by one of the classrooms to find that they had two new members of their class. I said hello and introduced myself. I asked if they came with a friend or if they lived in the neighborhood, to which the oldest answered that they lived nearby. I learned their ages and names and discovered they were siblings. They were playing while their teacher prepared the lesson and I was excited to see them having such a good time on their first visit.

Then the youngest stopped what he was doing, looked straight at me, and asked.... "will you accept me?" It caught me off guard as that was not a normal question you would hear from a 7 or 8 year old. I quickly answered, "of course!" to which his sister asked, "can we come back?" to which I answered again "of course!" Their teacher was soon ready to start their lesson, so I told them goodbye and went on with my normal Sunday morning routine.

That brief moment, a simple question from a child, a call from God.

That question... "will you accept me?" has been echoing in my mind ever since that moment.

For me that question is a reminder of God's call for East Dallas Christian Church, to be a ministry that is open to the community & to the world. A ministry that can open its arms and heart to all; a ministry and a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Rev. Micah

FELLOWSHIP CLASS

OFFICERS FOR 2011 FELLOWSHIP CLASS

January 9, 2011

Winter has arrived but in spite of rain and snow, forty members were present to be led in singing by Jim Frenzel, accompanied by Carol Hooten. Mamie Barberee wore three hats today. First, she gave the sunshine report. Second, there was one anniversary, Paul Parker. And third, there was one birthday, Jo Bramlett. Betty Counts is still waiting for a surgery date in January; Betty Nyenhuis in class but still in pain; Foy Couch much better but not in class because of the weather; John Kilpatrick not in class, but reportedly ok; and Larry McCoy scheduled for eye surgery this week.

The prayer song was "I Need Thee Every Hour." Mamie followed by delivering the prayer, reading the prayer of faith from James 5:13-18. Multitasking Mamie also brought refreshments.

Class President, Paula Holland, made today's announcements: Rev. Deb preaching today, "Christ has called us, EDCC"; Elders and Deacons Orientation today; 2011 Board Orientation Monday, January 10th; and Disciples Men Chili Cook Off, next Sunday, January 16th. Bob Counts elaborated on this by stating that it is a fund raiser and anyone and everyone is welcome to bring his or her favorite chili or beans. Teacher Lonnie Woods delivered a powerful lesson, entitled "Turn to Me and Be Saved," from Isaiah. Lonnie quoted from 45: 5-6, "I am the Lord and there is none else, there is no God beside me...from the rising of the sun and from the west, there is none beside me. I am the Lord and there is none else." Remember the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Lonnie stressed how very far our nation has moved from God, how Christianity has been diluted. What will it take to wake us up? Serve the Lord in spite of what is politically correct. *A lot to think about this week.*

President - Paula Holland
1st Vice President - Larry McCoy
2nd Vice President - Carol Hooten
3rd Vice President - Betty Hillin/Joanne Wilson
Secretary/Historian - Helen Hillbish
Treasurer - Henry Nakahara
Roll Meister - Paul Parker

Sunshine Committee:

Mamie Barberee - *Chair*
Christine Van Cleave, Maudie Huffman

Telephone:

James Jackson - *Chair*
Lu Couch, Wilda Brewer, Jo Ann Wolslegel

Teachers:

Jim Frenzel, Foy Couch, Bob McKelvy, Lonnie Woods, Ginger Hartman

Pianists:

Carol Hooten, Akiko Nakahara, Carolyn Frenzel

Song Leaders:

Sue Turner, Joe Gilbert, Kenneth Melvin, Jim Frenzel

Helen Hillbish

SANDERS CLASS

January 9, 2011

After a well-wordsed installation service from David Mitchell, we applauded our new leaders. The music service led by Carolyn Frenzel and Judy Garrett honored our classmates, Margaret Parker and Marvin Davison, whose memorial services were held this past week. Graciously, Gary and Betty Davison were with us during this emotional time. Our class feels so grateful to have had Marvin and Margaret in our lives.

Jimmy Hayes and family supplied us with delicious treats in celebration of his birthday. Another birthday boy, John Brawner, is saving his cookies for next week. We snacked as we prepared to listen to David's lesson which gave us 3 simple instructions from God's word: Love your God with

all your heart and mind and spirit; love your neighbor as yourself; and love yourself! David went on to say that when God asks, "Who will deliver my message?" our answer should be what Isaiah said – "Send me!"

The song service words from "In the Garden" were the culmination of the lesson: "and He walks with me, and He talks with me. And He tells me I am His own." This reassurance of God's presence in our lives and His love for us gives us comfort and peace.

Judy Garrett

Elders Breakfast and Continuing Education Event

February 5th, 9:00 a.m. until Noon

All elders should plan to attend this important training event as we equip ourselves to do an even better job in our ministry for 2011. We will study and review the material in the book THE GIFT OF YEARS, "Growing Older Gracefully" by



THE GIFT
OF YEARS

Growing Older Gracefully

Joan Chittister. This is an excellent book to help each of us grow personally and spiritually. Our goal will be to have every elder read the book in preparation for this day. We will examine how the material helps us in our pastoral care, and prepares us to help our congregation to grow older gracefully as we look toward the changes necessary to be a vital and effective congregation for today and the future.

Elders, please pick up a copy of the book after worship or stop by the church office. Feel free to make an offering to underwrite the cost of the books at approximately \$11.04 each. Feel free to round up your donation. I look forward to this event and learning with each of you.

Ron Somers-Clark

Elder Chair

SAVE THIS DATE!!!!



Save The Date!

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Fish City Grill

2323 N. Henderson

Dallas, TX 75206

15% of the entire day's sales

will be donated to ELM.

Only available at the Henderson location

2010 Final Response Fund Report

In February we will be taking our annual Week of Compassion offering. In preparation for that giving I think it's important and heart warming to see how many lives during 2010 have been touched by all donations given to Week of Compassion during the past year.

Nothing can happen in this ministry without your gifts. WoC is grateful for all of the ways you have helped people in deep need, whether investing in long-term sustainable development projects in Uganda, responding to needs arising from floods or to vandalism affecting our local congregations.

Africa: [88,871]

- \$1,500 - Angola, emergency
- \$8,500 - DR Congo, humanitarian crisis
- \$6,000 - DR Congo, eastern DRC conflict & displacement
- \$1,665 - Kenya, water wells
- \$13,446 - Kenya, water project
- \$5,000 - Mali, drought relief
- \$5,000 - Mauritania, drought relief
- \$4,000 - Republic of Congo, train accident
- \$1,500 - Republic of Congo, medical needs
- \$3,000 - Somalia, assistance to Somali IDPs & refugees
- \$2,500 - South Africa, emergency assistance
- \$8,000 - Sudan, South Sudan drought relief
- \$5,000 - Sudan, emergency preparedness
- \$10,000 - Sudan, Darfur humanitarian aid
- \$6,000 - Uganda, mudslides
- \$5,760 - Zimbabwe, water wells
- \$2,000 - Zimbabwe, medical needs

East Asia and the Pacific: [26,500]

- \$11,000 - China, earthquake
- \$6,000 - China, flood relief
- \$2,500 - China, mudslides
- \$2,500 - Fiji, cyclone relief
- \$4,500 - Philippines, typhoon relief & recovery

Latin America and the Caribbean: [840,333]

- \$2,500 - Argentina, tornado relief
- \$69,500 - Chile, earthquake
- \$5,000 - El Salvador, floods & mudslides
- \$5,000 - El Salvador, TS Agatha
- \$14,500 - Guatemala, TS Agatha floods
- \$717,500 - Haiti, earthquake
- \$3,333 - Haiti, hurricane recovery
- \$2,000 - Mexicali, earthquake
- \$6,000 - Mexico, earthquake
- \$10,000 - Mexico, flood relief
- \$5,000 - Nicaragua, TS Agatha

Middle East and Europe: [13,000]

- \$6,000 - Gaza/West Bank, humanitarian assistance
- \$7,000 - Iraq, assistance to IDPs & refugees

Southern Asia: [120,510]

- \$15,000 - India, tropical storm relief
- \$5,000 - India, food security
- \$2,000 - India, disaster risk reduction
- \$6,000 - Pakistan, post-conflict rehabilitation
- \$7,510 - Pakistan/Afghanistan, security crisis
- \$75,000 - Pakistan, flood relief
- \$10,000 - Thai/Burma, refugee assistance

General: [24,000]

- \$24,000 - 2010 ACT Rapid Response Fund
- Madagascar, cyclone recovery
- Zambia, flood relief
- Pakistan, displacement due to flooding
- El Salvador, floods & mudslides
- Honduras, TS Agatha
- Romania, flood relief
- Brazil, flood relief
- Chad/Cameroon, flood relief
- India, flood relief
- DR Congo, wildfires
- Nicaragua, tropical storm
- Uganda, flood relief
- India, Cyclone Jal
- Angola, flood relief
- Uganda, unidentified disease

Domestic: [128,853]

- \$1,000 - Alabama, oil spill/economic impact
- \$1,000 - Alabama, tornado relief
- \$5,000 - Appalachia, emergency heating needs
- \$5,000 - Arizona, emergency water needs
- \$1,000 - Arkansas, house fire
- \$700 - California, vandalism to churches
- \$1,000 - New Jersey, flood relief
- \$750 - North Carolina, flood damage
- \$1,523 - Ohio, resettled refugee assistance
- \$5,000 - Oklahoma, hail damage
- \$3,500 - Oklahoma, flood relief
- \$500 - Oklahoma, church fire
- \$34,600 - Tennessee, flood relief & recovery
- \$500 - Tennessee, house fire
- \$4,000 - Texas, hurricane recovery
- \$720 - Texas, resettled refugee assistance
- \$500 - Texas, flood relief
- \$200 - Virginia, church damage
- \$500 - West Virginia, coal mine tragedy
- \$500 - U.S., 2010 winter storms
- \$5,250 - U.S., NE states storms appeal
- \$5,000 - U.S., 2010 spring storms
- \$4,760 - U.S., refugee assistance
- \$8,000 - U.S., 2010 summer emergencies
- \$1,000 - U.S., refugee assistance

- \$500 - California, flood relief
- \$500 - Colorado, emergency assistance
- \$2,500 - Florida, long-term disaster recovery
- \$1,500 - Florida, oil spill/economic impact
- \$100 - Illinois, church flood
- \$1,300 - Illinois, resettled refugee assistance
- \$500 - Indiana, storm damage
- \$200 - Indiana, flood relief
- \$750 - Indiana, house fire
- \$750 - Iowa, tornado damage
- \$7,700 - Iowa, flood relief
- \$1,750 - Kansas, feeding ministry
- \$4,100 - Kentucky, flood relief
- \$200 - Kentucky, church vandalism
- \$9,500 - Louisiana, long-term hurricane recovery
- \$750 - Louisiana, flood recovery
- \$500 - Michigan, local development
- \$2,000 - Missouri, flood relief & recovery
- \$750 - Missouri, house fire
- \$1,500 - Montana, tornado/flood relief
- \$1,000 - New Jersey, flood relief
- \$750 - North Carolina, flood damage
- \$1,523 - Ohio, resettled refugee assistance
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OPPORTUNITIES @ EAST DALLAS

Regular at EDCC

- ◆ **Elder's Prayer Breakfast** - Tuesdays (7 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Knit Witters** - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (10 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)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:30 a.m.** **Worship and Communion, Chapel**
- 9:30 a.m.** **Table Worship, Community Room**
Church School Classes for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:50 a.m.** **Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**
- 12:15 p.m.** **Chili Cook-off and Ministry Fair, Great Hall**
Donations to Youth Ministries
Adult Education Meets, During Lunch, Gr. Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 **Martin Luther King Holiday, Offices Closed**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 12 noon** **Job Path, Disciples Room**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Disciples Women Study Group, Parlor**
- 4:00 p.m.** Head Start uses Community Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

- 2:00 p.m.** Staff Meeting, Web Site Training
- 6:30 p.m.** Table Committee Meeting, Disciples Room
- 6:30 p.m.** Last Financial Peace University, Great Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

CYF Retreat

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:30 a.m.** **Worship and Communion, Chapel**
- 9:30 a.m.** **Table Worship, Community Room**
- 10:10 a.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:50 a.m.** **Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**
- 12:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Youth Groups Meet

ALTAR FLOWERS AVAILABLE

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January	16th
January	23rd
January	30th
February	6th
February	13th
February	20th
February	27th

ELDERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

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Presiding:	Mark Alexander
Cup:	Janie Autz
Loaf:	Ron Somers-Clark
Chapel & Table:	Mark Byrkit
Chapel Prep.:	N/A
Fowler:	Keith Critcher
Preparation:	Rob & Theresa Carson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆	
Jo Bramlett	13th
Rob Carson	14th
Chuck Brewer	15th
Parris Reed	15th
Beth Wells	16th
Ann Kelm	18th
Amp Miller, Jr.	19th
Ken Kuesel	25th
Tyler Russakov	25th
Lu Couch	26th
Jay Evans	26th
Barbara Miller	26th
Kacee Kilpatrick	28th
Leon Kirk	29th
Justin Queen	29th
Kay Morris	31st

SCRIPTURE READERS

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JANUARY	
Steven Baker	16th
Betty Hillin	23rd
Ken Kuesel	30th
FEBRUARY	
Jackie Andrews	6th
Barbara Morris	13th
Mary Byrkit	20th
Mike Herrold	27th

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 Anthony DeHoyos
- Our young adults away at college or in town, including Austin Hogue
- Ordination of Rev. Dn. Joshua George to the Holy Priesthood of the Indian Orthodox Syrian Church. Rev. Fr. Joshua will continue as our Office Manager while he commutes to his church assignment in Houston.
- First Board Meeting of the new year

CONCERNS

Pray for those in our Church Family:

- Family and Friends of long-time member Bonnie Yates
- Malinda Kocks and son, Jared Kocks
- Gloria Sneider
- Sam Holmes
- Betty Counts
- Jimmie Everts
- Jimmy Hayes
- Steven Washington
- Larry McCoy
- Dean Parker

Pray for those Outside our Congregation:

- Special prayers for the victims and their families of the shootings in Tucson
- Melinda Lundy
- Lisa Alvarez

- Terry O'Brien
- Mario and Becky Tiambeng on the loss of Mario's mother, Florencia

Pray for Ongoing Concerns in our Congregation, including:

- Georgie Saunders

Pray for Ongoing Concerns Outside Our Congregation, including:

- Mary Hall

Pray for those Serving in the Military, especially:

- Michael Caruth

Pray for our Limited Activity Members, including:

- Bob Stough

Pray for our Ministries, including:

- Music Ministry

Pray for our Committees and Departments at work, including:

- Church Life

2011 BOARD MEETING





Church Newsletter

Date Sensitive

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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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Rev. Deborah Morgan
Senior Minister

Rev. Nathan Hill
Minister of Church Life

Keith Critcher
Minister of Music and Worship

Rev. Micah James
Minister of Youth

Rev. Patricia Maples
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Janie Autz
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Program Coordinator

Rev. Fr. Joshua George
Office Manager

Michael Plantz
Organist

Courtney Morgan
Building Superintendent

Phoebe Gonzales
Head Custodian

Damaso Luna
Security

Disciples Men Chili Cook Off & EDCC Ministry Fair



The 2nd annual Chili Cook Off will be on **January 16, 2011** in the Great Hall following the Sanctuary Service.

We need volunteer chili cookers (men or women)! If you have a bean recipe, that would be great. Call Peggy and give her your specialty (mild to spicy, beans or no beans, beef, turkey, or vegan).

Your donations will benefit the youth ministry of the church. If you have any questions, contact Bob Counts at rbcounts@verizon.net or 972-475-1599.

AND—after you eat chili, desserts will be found on the various tables surrounding the Great Hall where our newly elected Department Chairs will be sitting, ready to answer any questions you may have about their ministry. This is a time for you to volunteer to get involved in one of the many areas of our church's mission.