



EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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From Our Senior Minister

Aright. I shouldn't beat a dead horse—or, perhaps more accurately, a dead Wisconsin Badger—to death.

But I do want to say one more word about the TCU Horned Frogs.

And I'd also like to include our sister Metroplex school—the SMU Mustangs, for which this rumination may be even more appropriate.

In a recent Ft. Worth Star Telegram article, a Cowtown native was interviewed after attending the celebration at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum last Sunday afternoon (where your Sr. Minister tried to make up for not being at the Rosebowl game itself by yelling herself voiceless).

The article read: "Worth Wharton hasn't missed much in more than 65 years as a TCU

fan. He secured the enviable position as an usher at Amon G. Carter Stadium as a 12-year-old in 1945. Only a stint in the military kept him away for a few years. He has seen the good, the bad and the very ugly.

As a very young boy, he heard the fresh tales of Sammy Baugh and the split national championship of 1935. He remembers O'Brien's and coach Dutch Meyer's national championship-clinching victory in the Sugar Bowl in 1939, and he smiled widely recalling coach Jim Wacker and the resurgence of the program in the mid-1980s from the school's competitive dark years. This season 'is the best of all of them,' Wharton said."

As a TCU alum who graduated just as Jim Wacker was coming on board, I want to confess that I was a part of what Wharton called "the school's competitive dark years."

Since the early 1960's, TCU sports had been ineffective—laughable. True, legendary UT coach Darrell Royal once said 50 years ago that, "The Frogs are like cockroaches. All they do is crawl around and mess things up."

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ NTA Leader Event
- ◆ Game Night
- ◆ Elders Training Program
- ◆ Blood Donor ~ Save Lives

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 23RD @ EDCC**

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

SCRIPTURE
ACTS 17:16-34

SERMON
**"CHRIST HAS CALLED
US, EDCC, TO BE A
SPIRITUAL OASIS"**



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But for more many years, we hadn't done too much to even be likened to cockroaches.

Nobody took our little school seriously—and except for that little bump for a couple of years in the 1980's—the Horned Frogs have been “losers” on the football field for 40+ years.

The reason everyone gave was: “Small private colleges could never compete with the big state schools when it came to recruitment, alum support, scholarship help, and media notoriety. That's just the way it is!”

Then, 10 years ago, when coach Dennis Franchione left the Frogs high and dry, heading to bigger-school waters, and Gary Patterson took over as head coach— things began to change. Quietly, with discipline and a sharp mission-focus, an unbelievable transformation took place on that campus across the river.

That which “could never happen”—happened.

The same thing is happening to the Mustangs, who, as we've been reflecting this past year, lost everything when it was delivered the NCAA Death Penalty. But under the direction of June Jones and his assistants—and with the support of alums and the current student body—the football team 25 years later has been in two consecutive bowl games.

I know I've been warned NOT to mix Sports and Religion, but I can't help myself.

Both TCU and SMU are examples of:

“Never say Never”
“David CAN beat Goliath”
“Bigger is not always Better”
“The Dead can be raised to new Life.”

I think this applies to people and to organizations like the church, too.

So many times people discount declining congregations with statements like “they've had their day;” “they're not relevant anymore;” “the only successful church are the megachurches—look at how they are growing!”

I think we forget to trust that when God brings the right people together—when we work in unison on the same mission-focus—a surprisingly mighty thing can be done.

We have our own goals, East Dallas Christian Church!

Our Vision Statement that we're exploring and unpacking on Sunday mornings is **Christ has called EDCC to be a spiritual oasis for urban pioneers who are renewed and equipped for our unique mission and ministry in the world.**

This Sunday we'll think about what it means to be “urban pioneers” of the faith—and how, like the pioneers of old, it took the whole wagon train or frontier settlement community to persevere and survive through the wilds of the American frontier.

So, too, does it take a unified congregation pushing forward toward the same destination to reach our goal successfully.

What is our goal? That will be our sermon topic on Sunday, January 30th, but suffice it to say that it is in line with Christ's call to us in Matthew 28:18.

God continues to turn around every assumption we may ever make—even about ourselves!

May God continue to turn us around so that we may face the Divine Presence this day, and each day.

Rev. Deborah

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



New Members

We are delighted to welcome three new members to our EDCC church family.

Justin Grider comes to us from St. Hyathins Catholic Church in Amarillo, Texas. He is a regular visitor at The Table & Sanctuary service. He is in the process of relocating to Dallas. His phone number is (806) 236 6511; email jwgrider@msn.com.

Jolie Stratton is a member of our Chancel Choir. She is transferring her membership from Woodhaven Presbyterian Church in Irving, Texas. Her life partner, **Dru Milligan**, joins as an “associate member” from St. John's Episcopal Church in Corsicana, Texas. They reside at 1809 N. O'Connor Rd. Irving, Texas, tele 972. 579.0505. Email drucillam@aol.com and jodru@aol.com.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS

January 16, 2011

"Love Lifted Me;" "Standing on the Promises of God;" and "I Love to Tell the Story." What a wonderful way to start this cloudy, dreary morning by singing these well known hymns, thanks to Jim Frenzel and Carol Hooten, and to the 51 members present. Mamie Barberee gave the sunshine report, one anniversary, Paul Parker, and one birthday, Jo Bramlett. Welcome back to John Kilpatrick, Foy and Lu Couch, and Betty Nyenhuis. Betty Counts was released from the hospital after bout with pneumonia and is scheduled for surgery January 24th. Larry McCoy is recovering from eye surgery and should be able to drive by the end of next week. Ann Sanders will have eye surgery this week. Prayers for all. Donna Robins gave a sincere prayer stating that members of this class had been role models for her. President Paula Holland recognized James Jackson for the yearbook he had presented to the class and all of his hard work putting it together.

Announcements were Rev. Deborah's sermon subject today, "Christ Has Called Us to be a Spiritual Oasis;" Chili Cook Off today after 3rd service; church offices closed tomorrow for Martin Luther King Day; CYF retreat Friday; and the usual meetings during the week. Foy Couch, our teacher, first asked us to pray for the Sanders Class and to the members they have lost. Don't forget prayers make a great difference. Our lesson today from Isaiah. "Reassurance for God's People,;" tells how God deals with sinful people. Throughout the years, God knows our needs and watches out for us. From ancient times to now, we are not always the kind of people God wants or expects us to be, but God is forgiving and lets us know that it is never too late to change. We are his people and He wants us to be the best. As Christians, what can we do?

Helen Hillbish

SANDERS CLASS

January 16, 2011

Les Findley and Carolyn Frenzel started our time together with beautiful, meaningful songs, followed by an inspirational prayer from Yvonne Clark. Taking her step at the podium, Robbie thanked everyone and even provided treats in honor of her husband's birthday.

As John Hearne explained the historical parts of Isaiah 48, he spoke of how many conflicts existed in those times for Israel. His summary explained the reassurance that God gave to his

people. This gives us hope for peace in the many troubled parts of the world. The words that remain with us from Isaiah's words are that God said, "I am the first and the last. I am the Lord."

We look forward to a healthy, happy spring for our class and for the church.

Judy Garrett

YOUTH NEWS



Thank you EDCC for your continued support of the youth program!

A special thanks to the Disciples Men

They raised **\$1589.00** at the Chili Cook-off for EDCC Youth Ministry!!!

Thank you so much!!!



Rev. Micah

ELDERS TRAINING EVENT

Elders Breakfast and Continuing Education Event *February 5th, 9:00 a.m. until Noon*



THE GIFT OF YEARS

Growing Older Gracefully

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 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

BLOOD DONORS SAVE LIVES



Blood Donors ~ Save Lives

Dear Worshipers,

It is that time of the year again, when East Dallas Members **"Wear Red, Eat Red, Bring Drugs and Get Bled."**

All members should **"Wear Red"** on Sunday, **February 13th**. This Year we are asking you to check your medicine cabinet and **"Bring Expired Drugs"** for **destruction**. AND, we are asking you to donate **"One Unit"** of Blood to Save a Life.

STEPS FOR BLOOD DONATIONS SIGN-UP

Call or email Peggy McCurdy to let her know you will donate blood - Ph: 214-824-8185 Email: peggy@edcc.org

*If you can't donate and know someone that can ... INVITE them to join the EDCC Donors!

BLOOD FACTS

- On any given day, an average of 38,000 units of red blood cells are needed for hospital patients in the United States.
- One in 10 people entering a hospital needs blood.
- Approximately 38 percent of the population is eligible to donate blood. Of those eligible, only a small percentage actually give blood.
- In the United States, someone needs a blood transfusion about every two seconds.
- The average adult body contains 10-12 pints of blood. A newborn baby has about one cup of blood in his or her body.
- There are about one billion red blood cells in two to three drops of blood.
- Red blood cells must be transfused within 42 days.
- There is no substitute for human blood. It cannot be manufactured.
- Almost everyone will know someone who needs blood.
- Blood is often needed for traumas, heart surgeries, joint-replacement surgeries, organ transplants, premature babies, leukemia and cancer treatments, and much more.
- People in car accidents who suffer massive blood loss may require transfusion of more than 50 pints of red blood cells.

EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS DONATED 28 UNITS OF BLOOD IN 2010

LET'S GO FOR 33 UNITS IN 2011

Stay Healthy to Give, to Save Lives

Patricia Maples

Parish Wellness Minister

In conjunction with blood drive, EDCC Youth will be hosting
Café Amore luncheon. No need to bring food. Come & enjoy!
Donations will benefit Youth Ministry.
RSVP for Café Amore: Rev. Micah or Peggy

Chili Cook-Off, Thanks EDCC

The Disciples Men, thank all the volunteers who donated the food and all that attended the 2nd annual Chili Cook-off. The love offering was \$1,589.00, which will benefit the Youth Ministry of EDCC.

Bob Counts
President



Worship/Music/Sound Committee



Christian Ed



Adult Ed



Church Growth



— 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 (5 p.m., Alexander's Stage)
- ◆ **Bible Study** - Wednesdays (10 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Staff Meeting** - Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. (Disciples Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 6:00 p.m. Wellness Ministry Meets, Disciples Room
 7:00 p.m. Nashim Meets

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

- 6:30 p.m. The Table Steering Committee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

- 7:00 p.m.** **Game Night, Great Hall**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

NTA Leadership Event

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 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

ELDERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

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- Presiding: Janie Autz
 Cup: Ron Somers-Clark
 Loaf: Mark Byrkit
 Chapel & Table: **Keith Critcher**
 Chapel Prep.: Jeff Evans
 Fowler: Jerry Davis
 Preparation: Cindy & Dietrich
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 |
| Kay Morris | 31st |

SCRIPTURE READERS

JANUARY

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| Betty Hillin | 23rd |
| Ken Kuesel | 30th |

FEBRUARY

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| Jackie Andrews | 6th |
| Barbara Morris | 13th |
| Mary Byrkit | 20th |
| Mike Herrold | 27th |

ALTAR FLOWERS AVAILABLE

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

— DN. JOSHUA ORDAINED TO HOLY PRIESTHOOD —



On Saturday, January 8, 2011, our Office Manager, Dn. Joshua George was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of the Indian Orthodox Syrian Church at his home parish in Dallas. Fr. Joshua is appointed as the priest/minister of a parish in Houston, while he'll continue to work at EDCC.

Rev. Fr. Joshua George
 (in his liturgical vestments)
 along with his wife,
Christina

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 Tara Glasener
- Our young adults away at college or in town, including Michael Kuers
- The Second Annual Chili Cook Off—smoking' good food and \$1500 raised for youth programs
- Ministry Fair with representatives to tell all about each department—and serve desert!
- New members Justin Grider, Jolie Stratton and Dru Milligan
- Tex Hilliard at the Chili Cook-off Sunday

CONCERNS

Pray for those in our Church Family:

- Malinda Kocks and son, Jared Kocks
- Gloria Sneider
- Sam Holmes
- Betty Counts
- Jimmie Everts
- Jimmy Hayes
- Steven Washington
- Larry McCoy
- Dean Parker
- Brenda Jones
- Bethany Morris

Pray for those Outside our Congregation:

- Special prayers for the English Language Ministry
- Melinda Lundy
- Terry O'Brien
- Jessica Parker
- Sammy Adair
- Jo Meyers
- Willetta Stellmacher

- James Dennis
- Gene Souter
- Dave Burris
- Judy and Derek Langford
- L. O. Clark

Pray for Ongoing Concerns in our Congregation, including:

- Perez family

Pray for Ongoing Concerns Outside Our Congregation, including:

- Wilma Hagan

Pray for those Serving in the Military, especially:

- Holly Ross Killman

Pray for our Limited Activity Members, including:

- Polly Pou

Pray for our Ministries and Committees, including:

- Organist Search Committee

Pray for our Ministries, including:

- Music Ministry

Pray for our Committees and Departments at work, including:

- Church Life

2011 NTA LEADER EVENT

2011 NTA Leader Event - January 29

Central Christian Church of Dallas will be the place and 8:15-2:45 will be the time for the 2011 NTA Leader Event on the theme "Discipleship: What to Do with the People God Gives You." **Dr. Ron Allen** of Christian Theological Seminary, considered by many to be the finest preacher in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will be the keynoter. He will speak on "Making Disciples through Word, Web and Warmth" which will explore the three main ways people process communication: word/reason. web/relationships, and warmth/feeling. He will also lead a workshop on his new book *A Faith of Your Own: Naming What You Really Believe*, and two workshops on the art of preaching.

Other gifted leaders of the North Texas Area will offer 22 other workshop choices throughout the day, exploring Discipleship with senior citizens, women, men, church leaders, young adults, church youth, people in crisis, people in dependency, and musicians. There will also be workshops on Basic Teaching Skills, Discipleship in multi-cultural settings, Character Camp, Mentoring, Spiritual Disciplines, and on planning the overall church discipleship/christian education program. Workshop leaders include Larry Ross, Irie Session, Ken Crawford, David Cartwright, Marilyn Dickson, Eddie Hill, Joe Dugan, Charlotte Coyle, Rebecca Anderson, **Nathan Hill**, Mark Phillips, David Theel, Mark Faust, Paul Johnson, Darla Allen, and Mark Irons.

There will also be a **CAMP TRACK**, for people interested in Camp Counseling through the Tri-Area Camping Program at Disciples Crossing in Athens. Matt Chandler, Camp Director, will present 'What is a Camp Counselor'? and also do the state required Child Abuse Prevention Training. Then, in the afternoon, there will be a Meet and Greet time for prospective counselors to meet the specific camp directors for the summer of 2011.

The cost for the event will be \$20.

For Registration forms and workshop offerings, visit <http://www.ntaccsw.org/>



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.



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Rev. Deborah Morgan
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Minister of Church Life

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Rev. Micah James
Minister of Youth

Rev. Patricia Maples
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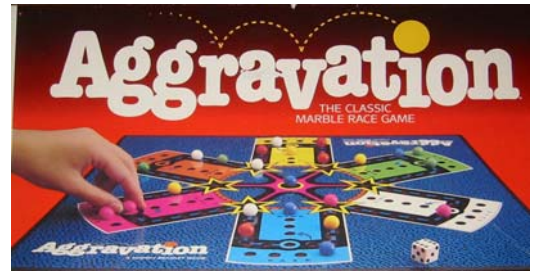
Michael Plantz
Organist

Courtney Morgan
Building Superintendent

Phoebe Gonzales
Head Custodian

Damaso Luna
Security

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