



EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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From Our Church Life Minister

Do you remember that famous line from Romeo & Juliet, Shakespeare's most beloved tragedy of star-crossed lovers?

Juliet:
"What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet."

Names are important – they tell us about people and things, and yet they don't tell us much of anything at all.

Even Jesus famously asked his Disciples – "who do the people say that I am?" (Luke 9:18). And then followed that up with – "who do you say that I am?"

Most of his disciples, just like the crowds, didn't seem to get who Jesus was. Was he a prophet, the messiah, or a new king? They were likely still trying to figure out Jesus' agenda – what he was all about.

Likewise, East Dallas Christian Church, as a name, tells some people a few things about us as a community. Our location is somewhere in East Dallas, and we are a church. To someone who might know about the Stone Campbell movement, they might assume we are Disciples of Christ or independent Christian.

But like Jesus' disciples, most outsiders to our congregation may have different ideas of what we are about – what our agenda, purpose, and mission is. Some might think we are a group of people who do good things for our neighbors, worship together, fellowship as one, and try to be nice to each other. Others might think we raise lots of money and spend it on buildings. Or, they might assume, our agenda is to be pushy

and try to make people believe what we believe. And there still might be others who think we are old, boring, backwards, and irrelevant.

Here is the challenge – how do we communicate our mission to our neighbors?

Our name alone does not tell others about our hospitality, passion for beautiful music, commitment to outreach, history, and dreams for this part of Dallas. And if we aren't out there, sharing our story, people might assume that we are like everyone else (which could be good or bad). This is quite a challenge.

Once our current sermon series is completed, we are going to build a special part of our website to communicate our mission and vision and explain it, with links to Deborah's sermons and other information about our ministries and outreach. This is a way to tell our neighbors who we are and what we are about. This will be something you can send to friends and family members that says, more than just the word "church", what we as a community of Christians feel called to be.

Likewise, this may be a chance for you to share your testimony and story – why East Dallas Christian Church is your church. Many of you have already shared your stories on our website or in our newsletter, but there are others who can speak in a compelling way to your passion for what God is doing in our midst. If you are interested, talk to Emily Chenevert, our Church Growth chair, or Janie Autz (Janie@edcc.org) for more information.

And yet, the greatest way to share our mission and compassion for this beautiful part of Dallas is to live it out with our lives. May we hear in our current sermon series a continued call to action to be Christ's hands and feet for all of those, rich and poor, hurting and hungry, happy and sad, that we meet.

Rev. Nathan

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**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 30TH @ EDCC**

**Rev. Deborah Morgan
preaching**

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

**SCRIPTURE
I TIMOTHY 6:11-19**

**SERMON
"CHRIST HAS CALLED
EDCC....TO BE RENEWED
AND EQUIPPED
FOR MISSION
AND MINISTRY!"**

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EDCC Official Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2011

Tom Grounds called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mike Voigt offered the prayer. Tom welcomed the new Board members and thanked everyone for serving in 2011.

Finance – Treasurer Milton Thomas reviewed the proposed 2011 budget and asked each department chair familiarize themselves with their budget figures and call either Raymond Tolentino or himself if there are questions. Milton stated 99% of the pledges for 2010 were received. We will end the year in the black!

Milton also informed the Board that Wyatt Wold endowment dollars has been put in the Foundation's Development Fund. The Gold was sold, and both stock and gold value gains from the day we received the estate will be set aside for 2011 Operating dollars.

Keep in mind—this will NOT be available when we go into 2012. Milton is raising awareness already in January about the need for increased Stewardship to meet our budget needs for 2012.

Tom Grounds led the members through the Board Orientation booklet that included a welcome, each committee's mission, members, goals and meeting schedules and budget information detailing how to read the monthly financial report and the process for check/payment requests.

There was no old business.

Rev. Deborah Morgan welcomed the new Board members and outlined the staff responsibilities as related to the Departments:

- Rev. Morgan works with Finance, Foundation, Elders, Property, Church Growth, Adult Education, Worship and Disciple's Women.
- Rev. Nathan Hill works with Church Life, Church Growth, Stewardship, Deacons, Disciples Men and The Table Worship.
- Rev. Micah James works with the Youth, Children's Education and Stewardship.
- Janie Autz works with Outreach and Children's Education.
- Keith Critcher works with Worship, Music Committee and Property as it relates to the Music program.
- Raymond Tolentino works with Finance and Stewardship.

The Department Chairs and Officers introduced themselves and for the record are:

Church Life – Clare Odom; Church Growth – Emily Chenevert; Outreach – Katherine Turner; Adult Ed – Mike Herrold; Children's Ed – Julie Alexander (1st-5th grades)

Co-Chair Misty Curtiss; Worship – Brenda Jones (absent), Co-Chair – Jules Martinez

Music Committee – Mark Byrkit; Stewardship – David Hamer (absent); Wellness - Patricia Maples (absent); Nominating – Robert Hendrickson; Property – Owen Hooten; Deacon Chair – Dale Hogue; Elder Chair – Ron Somers-Clark; (Ad Hoc Committee: Personnel—Jackie Andrews [not an Official Board Position]; and Ad Hoc Committee: Scholarship and Ordination —John Hearne [not an Official Board Position])

Officers of the Congregation/Official Board

President and Board Chair – Tom Grounds

Vice-President and Board Vice Chair – Mike Voigt

Treasurer – Milton Thomas

Secretary – Carolyn Howell

Trustees: John Hearne, Barbara Morris, and Don Morris, Jr.

Rev. Morgan shared a devotional and the meeting was dismissed with prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Howell

Secretary

FELLOWSHIP CLASS

January 23, 2010

On a cloudy Sunday morning at EDCC with the sun just trying to peek through every once in a while, the Fellowship class met with 48 in attendance. The singing of good old classic hymns was led by yours truly (substituting for Jim Frenzel) accompanied by Carol Hooten.

The care report was given by Mamie Barberee. There were no anniversaries. We sang happy birthday to Lu Couch as our only birthday person. John Kilpatrick was not in attendance as his breathing problems were giving him a hard time. Betty Counts will be having Surgery tomorrow. Ann Sanders will have eye surgery on Tuesday. Larry McCoy was in class after his surgery. Helen Hillbish was home with bronchitis. Betty Neinhuis is still having a lot of pain which comes and goes. We also remembered Sam Holmes in our prayers.

Bob McKelvy, substituting for John Kilpatrick, delivered a very meaningful prayer for the Church and the individuals that needed prayer.

President, Paula Holland, read a very nice note from Betty Counts thanking the class for prayers and support during her health

problems. Announcements of upcoming events at the Church including Knit Witters, Bible Study, and the celebration of Jack and Lucille Cannon's 70th wedding anniversary. (really something to celebrate).

Bob McKelvy, teacher d'jour, asked the question, is heaven as described in Revelations symbolic or real? Then he asked the class what they wanted heaven to be like. There were as many different answers as there were people present. He took his lesson from a 500 page book by Dr. Randy Alcorn. Over 300 references to heaven were broken down in 240 pages, with 260 pages devoted to questions and answers. Would God really destroy the whole earth and start over or would he just restore this earth. Humans are both physical and spirit, will only your spirit go to heaven or will we be physically resurrected? The questions are many and different people have different views on this matter. However, all these questions are something to think about for all Christian people. Will I be known as Kenneth when I get to heaven? I don't know. I hope one day to find the answer.

With love and prayers for everyone, hope to see you all next Sunday morning.

Kenneth Melvin

SANDERS CLASS

January 23, 2010

With music selected and performed by Carolyn Frenzel, we sang some favorite hymns, followed by a meaningful prayer from Byron Clark. Our president, Robbie Brawner, read a note from Doris Holmes thanking the class for cards, visits and prayers for Sam who continues to face physical challenges. We miss both of them in class. Betty Davison has been in the hospital recently with treatments to regulate her heart rate. Our thoughts are with her as she recovers.

Our first class party is scheduled for February 10th in the Great Hall from 11:30 to 1 celebrating Valentine's Day. Class members will provide the side dishes for Peggy's fried chicken, and there will be some lively, possibly romantic music.

Jim Frenzel gave us all "A's" today for our work as God's servants. His lesson from Isaiah gave us the message that we are to "think deeper" about what God expects us to do. He expects us to spread the word and be a good servant – striving to be a slave to Christ. Later in the Bible, Paul clarifies that God's will is what we should strive for, not glory or praise for ourselves, since God is the reason that we're all here. Jim's lesson received an "A" from the class.

Robbie summed up my feelings this week with a quote from Pearl Bailey: "What the world needs is more love and less paperwork!"

Judy Garrett

YOUTH NEWS

As a church we have been reflecting on our call in mission and ministry. The youth have also been contemplating this question.

This week at our meeting the youth took time to think about what their calls would look like in action.



First, they split into groups and brainstormed ministry ideas they felt called to lead, participate or support. Then they considered what they would need to complete their ideas (supplies, money, time, space, etc.) The last step was to commit to working on their idea as a group in the next 6-12 months.

Let me tell you that watching the youth at work – I was inspired! They are very excited about their projects and they have wonderful ideas that will serve EDCC, the community and the world.

As these ideas come together, be watching for the youth of EDCC to be sharing with you their progress & asking for your support (time, talent, financial, etc.)

I am so proud of the vision and call that our youth see for the future of East Dallas Christian Church.

New Prayer Wall in Youth Room

This week was also the debut of a new prayer wall in the Youth Room. We invite all to share prayers in word or in art on the prayer wall. Use your creativity! Share your heart with God! Have Fun!

Rev. Micah

NTA LEADER EVENT - SAMPLE WORKSHOPS

2011 NTA Leader Event Sample Workshops - January 29

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

The Big Picture: How to Plan a Discipleship Program for the Whole Church

Presenter, Larry Ross, North Texas Area Minister

Churches often piecemeal their Sunday School and small group ministries together on the basis of who is available to lead them. This workshop will suggest another way: a systematic plan for discipleship in which the entire church is studying and exploring the same truths on age - appropriate levels with a variety of techniques. Participants can share samples of materials currently used.

Camp Counseling Primer - What Is a Camp Counselor?

Presenter, Matt Chandler, Executive Director, Disciples Crossing Conference & Retreat Center, Athens, TX

Learn a little more about the camping program. If you might be interested in serving as a camp counselor at the Tri-Area camps at Disciples Crossing, this workshop will give information about what being a camp counselor is all about. What kind of qualifications are required. Participating does not mean you have to go to camp.

Building Relationships, Creating Disciples: Young Adults in the Church

Presenters, Rebeccah Anderson, Minister to Youth and Young Adults, First Christian, Garland and Nathan Hill, Minister of Church Life, East Dallas Christian

In this workshop, you will hear two local ministers, with two different church settings, share what is and is not working with their young adult ministries. We will discuss and explore different ways that churches can build relationships with the young adult generation and then intentionally utilize those relationships to create disciples with the intent of going out to a world that desperately needs Christ.

Discipling Senior Adults: Prime Time Ministry

Presenter, David Theel, Hi-Plains Area Associate Minister for Senior Ministry

In many churches, Senior Adults get separated from the main body of the congregation. We don't know what to do with them, so we don't do very much. In this workshop, we'll cover what makes Senior Adults think like they think, and we'll discuss why they tell stories. We'll cover what Senior Adults need, and what we need to do for them. And finally, I'll give you a few things that need to be considered when starting a Senior Adult Ministry.

HOLLYWOOD COMES TO EDCC

On Wednesday January 19 EDCC was a buzz with "lights and lots of action." Our Sanctuary was the setting for a "dream wedding scene" in the television show, **CHASE**. The series follows a U.S. Marshals fugitive-apprehension team based out of Houston, Texas, even though all scenes are shot in the Dallas area. You can view **CHASE** ON NBC Channel 5 on Wednesday evenings at 9 pm. We will advise you when the particular show filmed here at EDCC will air.



COMPASSION ACTION

Thank you, East Dallas, for your generous giving during our special Christmas Offering. This is the one time of year that we can designate a split if we so desire between **Juliette Fowler Homes** and the **Disciples Mission Fund**.

The total amount received was **\$4,698.00**. Of this **\$1510.00** was designated to **Juliette Fowler Homes** and **\$3,188.00** was designated to **Disciples Mission Fund** to support the ministries within our Southwest region Disciples of Christ.

Janie Autz

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



For over a year **Buck Peace** has been a regular in Sanctuary worship. On Sunday Buck officially joined our EDCC church family by transferring his membership from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Garland. Buck resides at 1437 Cross Courts Drive, Garland, 75040; tele: 214 597 8666 email floridaTXN@aol.com.

Stephanie Russakov, another regular visitor, became an associate member on Sunday. Stephanie is the daughter of Patricia and Claude Maples, and the mother of Tyler and Preston who are quite active in children's church and other children's programs. They live at 932 Laird's Lane, Allen, TX 75013.

BLOOD DONORS SAVE LIVES

Blood Donors Save Lives

Sunday, February 13

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Disciples Room

"Wear Red, Eat Red, Bring Drugs and Get Bled." (Wear Red Attire, Bring Expired Drug for Destruction & Give Blood)

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!

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

BIBLE STUDY PARTY

I want to introduce you to one of the new classes at EDCC called the Connections Class. We are young adults that meet every Sunday morning at 9:50am to get to know one another as well as discuss the scripture for that week. We meet upstairs in the last classroom in the top floor of the Minyard building. You can't mistake it because there is a sign on our door.

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



I would like to invite all young adults to our **Bible Study Party** which is **February 27 at 9:50 to 10:40AM**. We will be going over Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent while eating a delicious potluck breakfast. Please bring a breakfast food or drink as well as information on Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent to share with the class.

Come and get connected!

Christine Byrkit

OPPORTUNITIES @ EAST DALLAS

Regular at EDCC

- ◆ ELM Classes - Monday thru Thursday (9 a.m.)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Faith in the City (Pub Ministry) - Tuesdays (7:30 p.m., Bryan St. Tavern)
- ◆ Bible Study - Wednesdays (10 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ◆ Staff Meeting - Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. (Disciples Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship and Communion, Chapel**
 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Cannon 70th Anniversary Reception, Parlor**
 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. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Fish City Grill Fundraiser for English Language Ministries (All Day)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Elders Meet, Great Hall**
 12:00 noon **New Member Brunch, Parlor**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Super Bowl Sunday

- 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

- ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆
- Presiding: Ron Somers-Clark
 Cup: Mark Byrkit
 Loaf: Keith Critcher
 Chapel & Table: Jerry Davis
 Chapel Prep.: Jeff Evans
 Fowler: Jim Frenzel
 Preparation: Dale Hogue

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Bob McKelvy | 1st |
| Louise Wells | 4th |
| Oleta Willard | 4th |
| Preston Russakov | 5th |

WELCOME VISITORS (JANUARY 23, 2011)

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| Louis Ainsworth | Katie Pippin |
| Dave Burris | Chuck Potter |
| Jerry Farrier | Brett Powell |
| Mike French | Madie Selby |
| Ralph Huffman | Don Stokes |
| Peggy Leeman | Jo Myers |
| Bill & Nyla Morgan | Tony Wadley |
| Briana Mounts | Kim Moore |
| Rhonda Strong | |
| David Tinney | |
| Mildred & Gene Vinzant | |

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READERS

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

MEMORIAL GIFTS (DECEMBER 28, 2010)



IN MEMORY OF ED BENTLEY

- Billie Ruth Welsh
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund
 Jack and Rose Mary Rumbley
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund
 Eugene and Nancy Bentley
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund
 Bob Lindop
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund
 Frank Sheldon and Valerie Lawlor
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 Sandi and John Bannon
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 Republic Bank Reunion Committee
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund
 Dorothy J. Higgins
EDCC Share Pantry Program Fund
 Christine Van Cleve
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund

IN MEMORY OF EMILY HANSON

- Robert "Bob" and Marcille McKelvy
Music Concert Series Fund
 Billie Ruth Welsh
Undesignated Memorial Gift

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY KOUTNIK

- Dorothy J. Higgins
EDCC Share Pantry Program Fund

IN MEMORY OF LEOLA RICHARDSON

- (Mother of Elaine Byrkit)
 Marie Byrkit
Undesignated Memorial Gift

IN HONOR OF CHARLES "CHUCK" BENNETT

- Amy and Jason and Silas,
 Bennett & Henry Bales
Undesignated Memorial Gift

IN HONOR OF MAURICE NELSON

- Byron and Yvonne Clark
Maurice Nelson Fund
 Deborah Morgan
Maurice Nelson Fund

(DECEMBER 31, 2010)

IN MEMORY OF ED BENTLEY

- Ron and Carol McDowell
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund
 David Goodson
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund
 Dennis and Deborah Kirkpatrick
Ed Bentley Memorial Fund

IN MEMORY OF EMILY HANSON

- Elizabeth Allen
Undesignated Memorial Gift

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 Samantha Singer
- Our young adults away at college or in town, including James McCarthy
- Welcome new members Stephanie Russakov and Buck Peace!
- Larry McCoy able to return to Sunday school and church
- Jack and Lucille Cannon's upcoming 70th anniversary celebration
- Scott and Nailya Gilbert expecting addition to the family
- Southwest Region approving Shea Kersh for ordination into Christian ministry
- All our visitors!

CONCERNS

Pray for those in our Church Family:

- Malinda Kocks and son, Jared Kocks
- Gloria Sneider
- Sam Holmes
- Betty Counts
- Jimmie Everts
- Jimmy Hayes
- Dean Parker
- Betty Davison
- Bethany Morris
- Jimmie Smith
- Tim Hartman
- John Kilpatrick
- Jean Gilbert

Pray for those Outside our Congregation:

- Special prayers for the DFW law enforcement officers
- Melinda Lundy
- Terry O'Brien
- Rev. Ed Michael
- Jessica Parker
- Sammy Adair
- Jo Myers

- Willetta Stellmacher
- James Dennis
- Gene Souter
- Dave Burris
- Family of Brandy Logan
- Marie Mize
- Thomas Hinson
- Shirley Holt
- Agnes Onauha and mother Ugana

Pray for Ongoing Concerns in our Congregation, including:

- Liz Galyon

Pray for Ongoing Concerns Outside Our Congregation, including:

- Joandy Perez

Pray for those Serving in the Military, especially:

- Ben Armstrong

Pray for our Limited Activity Members, including:

- Audrey Gundy

Pray for our Ministries and Committees, including:

- Blood Drive and Drug Take-Back

Pray for our Ministries, including:

- Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pray for our Committees and Departments at work, including:

- Worship and Music

SAVE THE DATE!

You are invited for.

70th Anniversary



Celebration

honoring

Jack and Lucille Cannon

Join us in the Parlor on
Sunday, January 30th
from 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Elders Breakfast and
Continuing Education Event



THE GIFT
OF YEARS

Growing Older Gracefully

February 5th,
9:00 a.m. until
11:30 a.m.

Great Hall &
Disciples Rm.



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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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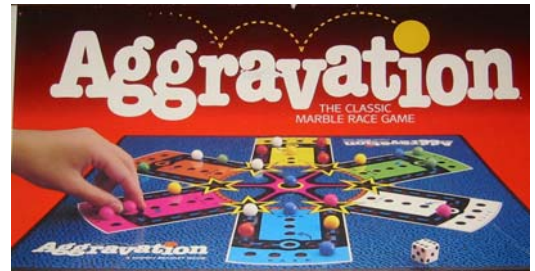
Michael Plantz
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Damaso Luna
Security

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